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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/DCI

SUBJECT : Advisory Committees

1. In reference to the Director's memorandum of 14 February, subject "Advisory Committees" the Office of the DD/C does not, itself, have any activities under its direct jurisdiction which utilize advisory committees. There are, however, a number of advisory groups with industrial members participating which are drawn upon, directly or indirectly, by the various committees and subcommittees of the intelligence community which assist in the coordination of intelligence.

2. In most cases, such advisory groups are responsible to -- or work closely with -- one of the DD/I offices of CIA, although they sometimes meet directly with established inter-agency committees or working groups. It is therefore believed more appropriate that such groups be reported upon by the Deputy Director (Intelligence) than by the Deputy Director (Coordination).

3. For your information, advisory groups of this sort of which this office is aware include the following:

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- a. The [ ] Panel - which meets with JAEIC.
  - b. The [ ] Panel - which met with GMIC on the Soviet ICBM Program.
  - c. The [ ] Group - which meets with ONE on various National Estimates.
  - d. The ORR Economic Consultants - who have made a number of recommendations about the EIC's activities.
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18 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DCI

SUBJECT: Advisory Committees

1. There is attached a report on advisory committees from the Acting Deputy Director (Support). All Deputy Director (Support) offices gave negative replies except the Management Staff. This Staff reported two special situations in connection with THE WALNUT PROJECT and THE MINICARD SYSTEM, specifics of which are in the attached memorandum. These appear to be within the spirit of the Cabinet Paper and so should be included in the over-all report to the Director. They comply with the criteria of the Cabinet Paper and, therefore, present no particular problem. They also may have been reported by RI/DD/P for THE WALNUT PROJECT and Office of Central Reference for THE MINICARD SYSTEM.

2. If you have the complete reports from the other elements, I will be glad to help draft an appropriate memorandum to the Cabinet Secretary.

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General Counsel

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10 Mar 59 transmittal slip  
report to OGC fr A-DD/S

5 Mar 59 memo to A-DD/S  
fr C/MS

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March 5, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Advisory Committees

REFERENCE: DCI Memo, dated 14 February 1959, same subject.

1. The Management Staff has no participation with Advisory Committees outside of the Federal Government.

2. On advice from General Counsel, I am listing here below categories of contacts outside of the Federal Government, which are within the purview of Management Staff responsibilities.

Agency controls in this respect are perfectly clear and simple - the most usual of which is the DD/S himself and then the DCI. In two other particulars, as shown below, the PRC constitutes the Agency control unit.

Without any question in respect to Management Staff activities, advice, consultations and recommendations from the outside are completely protected in all cases against bias in our own decisions, i.e., in all cases, clearly, this Agency makes its own decision.

3. The listing below presents differing categories of Management Staff outside contacts:

a. THE WALNUT PROJECT. Here the Agency has two fully-cleared, full-time IBM research officers working within RI/DD/P. These men, together with our own people, are conducting a feasibility study looking to the mechanization of the Clandestine Services' records problem. This study is being conducted under a contract with the IBM Corporation, approved by the PRC.

(1) In addition, there is one fully-cleared IBM officer who is teaching, almost full-time, the programming for the contemplated lease of an IBM 650 RAM - also within RI/DD/P.

b. THE MINICARD SYSTEM. At the present time, the Agency is installing Eastman Kodak Minicard equipment in OCR and PIC. This installation involves a substantial amount of money.

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The Agency's immediate contact with the Eastman Kodak Company in this connection is with [redacted] who was formerly an employee with OCR. It was during his tenure with the Agency that this contract was let - under PRC approval.

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c. In addition, the Management Staff has a closely collaborative research and development activity (non-compensated) with the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, from which has already come out, at our initiative, the Thermofax machine itself and the Microfilm Reader-Printer. The value of this collaboration is illustrated in part by this company's willingness to do research work and to improve their product at our request. Both of these two benefits have taken place.

d. In addition, there are necessarily numerous and various contacts by Management Staff with manufacturers' representatives. These activities are on our own initiative, as well as on the manufacturers' initiative. Here again, the control features are as set forth previously here.

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Chief, Management Staff

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<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE 1 MAR 1959
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ROOM NO. 221	BUILDING East	
REMARKS: Larry: <p>We have received negative replies from all the DD/S offices except for the attached reply from Management Staff.</p> <p>It does not seem to me that the two items mentioned fall within the category of Advisory Committees as defined in the Cabinet paper; however, I would appreciate your comments.</p> <p>In any event, if these two groups are to be submitted, I question whether DD/S is the office concerned--WALNUT is a DD/P project and Minicard is a DD/I project.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HGL</p>		
FROM: Acting Deputy Director (Support)		
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